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47.	The Elgin Mills Ltd.	17035.79
48.	Bharat Process & Mechanical Engg.	5052.95
49.	Project & Dev. India Ltd.	6719.49
50.	Mandya National Paper Ltd.	5556.35
51.	Tyre Corpn. Ltd.	8599.34
52.	Weighbird India Ltd.	824.66
53.	Bharat Referatories Ltd.	6555.00
54.	Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd.	1622.19
55.	Cawnpore Textiles Ltd.	2210.02
56.	Braithwaite Ltd.	4673.00
57.	Smith Stanistreet Phar. Ltd.	2393.00
58.	U. P. Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	322.44
59.	National Instruments Ltd.	5483.92
60.	Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd.	7764.97
61.	Bengal Chemicals & Phar. Ltd.	7478.17
62.	National Textile Corpn. Ltd.	16938.47

Single exchange rate for Rouble

2248. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the single exchange rate for Rouble introduced by Central Bank of Russia on the 1st July, 1992 had brought down India's debt towards the erstwhile Soviet Union from 38000 crore rupees to Rs. two hundred and fifty crores only;

(b) whether there was any dialogue between India and Russia in the light of the new exchange rate; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) to (c) The Government of the former USSR had extended various credits to India from 1955 onwards. The credits were denominated in Roubles, but repayments were made in rupees by means of exports of Indian goods. India's total outstanding debt to the former USSR as on 31-3-1992 was 11223.12 million Roubles.

The rate of exchange between the rupee and the roubles was established by the Indo-USSR Protocol of November, 1978. When the Protocol was signed the exchange rate was Rouble 1.00=Rs. 10.00 The last notified exchange rate was Rouble 1.00=Rs. 31.7874.

With the shift of the Rouble towards market-based currency, the Government of India have held several rounds of negotiations with the former USSR and present Russian Government for a revision of the rupee-rouble exchange rate. The talks have so far been inconclusive. The quantum of India's debt to the former USSR in terms of rupees can be established only after a resolution of the rupee-rouble exchange rate issue.

Evasion of Customs duty on Import of Automatic soft Drinks and Ice-Cream Machines

2249. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of soft drink automatic vending and dispenser machine and ice-cream machines fall under the customs tariff heading No. 8476:11, for the purpose of classification and assessment of customs duty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the import of the said complete machine is being resorted to by scrupulous importers under custom tariff heading 8418:99, by